Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Rural Development

3451. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has sought Rs. 135 crores for rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard; and

(d) the additional allocations made to the State under JRY and IRDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir. No request has been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the Ministry for sanction of Rs. 135 crores for the rural development.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) During 1996-97 an amount of Rs. 10.00 crores was released as additional Central share under JRY to two cyclone affected district of Andhra Pradesh. No additional allocations have been made to the State under IRDP.

Identification of Ground Water-Zones in Gujarat

3452. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Gujarat for which Hydrological Maps have been obtained for identification of ground water-zones;

(b) the progress made under the National Drinking Water Mission;

(c) the number of district where identifying of ground water-zone are still under study; and

(d) the result of such studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Hydrological maps for identifications of ground water zones had been obtained by March, 1990 in respect of 19 districts of Gujarat.

(b) The State Government of Gujarat is making use of the hydrological maps on a selective basis for difficult areas under the guidance of the State level Scientific Source Finding Committee.

(c) No more districts, at present are under study for identifying the ground water zones.

(d) Does not arise.

Representation for keeping Eranakulam Wharf Clean

3453. SHRI JIBON ROY: will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cochin Port Employees Organisation, Cochin, had requested Port authorities to keep the Eranakulam Wharf clean, and away from such obnoxious substances as sulphur, coal, iron scraps etc., as any trace of such polluting substance on or inside the packets of sea foods, spices etc. which are exported, would be rejected by the importer;

(b) the details of action taken in this regard;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Organisation has also made a request for handling consignments of cement, coal and sulphur etc. on Mattancherry Canal side; and

(e) the action taken on this request, if no action has been taken the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.